Application No.: 10/650,568

Title: VEHICLE TRAILER LIGHTING SYSTEM

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In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 21:

The elevation provided by the stanchion insures that, as watercraft are unloaded from the trailer, and the rear of the trailer enters the water, the lights are not submerged in the water. By positioning the lights on stanchions on each rear corner of the trailer, the operator of the vehicle can verify the location of the rear of the trailer by visually locating the lights while sitting in the driver's seat of the towing vehicle 20. This assists the driver of the towing vehicle in locating the rear of the trailer when backing the trailer for loading or unloading the watercraft, and is particularly useful at night. The use of amber lenses on the front side of the housing avoids glare in the driver's eyes, and does not confuse drivers of other vehicles with regard to the direction of travel of the trailer. Rather, the use of amber lenses gives oncoming drivers warning that a trailer is following the vehicle, and also gives an indication of the length of the trailer, which is a feature not typically found in vehicle trailers. The lights should be mounted at a sufficient height so that the lights are visible from the driver's seat of the vehicle, either directly, or by means of the rear view mirrors of the vehicle. This positioning also allows the driver to verify that the that lights are working, without the necessity of leaving the driver's seat. The stanchions should also be of sufficient height so that the lights are above the gunwale 21 of the boat that is being towed on the trailer.